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115. Thirty-one (31) persons were surrendered from Mysore State to the Provinces of India during the year. Out of these, 23 persons were surrendered to the Madras State and five persons were surrendered to the Bombay State.

(vi) Criminal Justice.

116. Excluding Revenue Officers who were Ex-officio Magistrates, the number of Judges and Magistrates exercising original jurisdiction at the end of the year was 73 (74).

117. The total number of offences reported was 55,706 (46,377). The number of persons brought to trial in the Magistrates' Courts was 85,439 (excluding 153 persons committed or referred to Sessions) against 80,595 in the previous year. Of the persons brought to trial, the cases in respect of 70,283 (65,754) persons were disposed of. The number of persons convicted was 47,762 and the number of those acquitted or discharged was 19,118. Cases involving 15,156 persons were pending at the close of the year.

118. The number of persons brought to trial for offences punishable under Special and Local Laws was 54,484 (42,808). The cases against 48,420 persons were disposed of and 43,675 persons were convicted.

Bench Courts.

119. The Benches of Honorary Magistrates had before them 21,947 cases involving 23,326 persons and they disposed of 20,457 cases involving 21,176 persons.

120. The number of cases disposed of by Stipendiary Magistrates was 37,084 cases involving 62,209 persons.

District
Magistrates.

121. The District Magistrates disposed of 44 (28) cases involving 46 (67) persons.

Sessions
Courts.

122. Of the 130 cases, including 35 cases pending at the beginning of the year, involving 285 persons that came up for trial in the Sessions Courts, 101 cases involving 233 persons were disposed of.

Average
duration of
cases.

123. The average duration of cases in the Court of Honorary Bench Magistrates, in the Courts of District Magistrates and in the Sessions Courts was 31.6 (22.03), 35.56 (45.4), and 87.79 (79.42) days respectively. In the Courts of Stipendiary Magistrates, the average duration of trials was 57.03 (36.08) days.

124. The appellate Courts subordinate to the High Court had for disposal 800 (869) regular appeals involving 1,244 (1,173) persons. Of these, 668 appeals involving 1,030 persons were disposed of, leaving 132 (94) appeals pending at the end of the year. In the Magistrates' Courts, out of 290 cases, including 49 pending at the beginning of the year, 233 cases were disposed of, leaving 57 pending at the close of the year. In the Sessions Courts, out of 510 (601) cases, including 45 pending at the beginning of the year, 435 (556) were disposed of leaving 75 appeals pending at the end of the year.

125. The total number of Criminal appeals for disposal by the High Court was 41 (50). The number of appeals disposed of was 49. In 24 appeals, conviction and sentences were confirmed; in 12 appeals, the sentences were reduced or altered; and in 13 appeals, the sentences were reversed.

126. The average duration of appeals disposed of by the High Court was 107·7 (95·04) days. The average duration of regular appeals disposed of by Sessions Judges was 46·29 (37) days and that of the appeals disposed of by the Magistrates was 53·48 (65·24) days.

127. The Sessions Judges and District Magistrates had for disposal 117 and 221 revision petitions respectively. The Sessions Judges disposed of 96 cases and the District Magistrates disposed of 175 cases. Revision.

128. The number of cases referred to the High Court by Sessions Judges and District Magistrates or taken by the High Court *suo motu* in revision was 16 involving 31 persons.

129. Under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 7 cases were referred to the High Court during the year for confirmation of the sentences of death passed on the accused. In 4 cases involving 5 persons, the convictions were confirmed and the sentences of death were altered to one of transportation for life.

130. The total number of all cases which came up before the High Court during the year was 591 (701) and the number disposed of was 531 (594).

131. Four persons were sentenced to death by the Sessions Judges and 2 by the Special Judge appointed to try cases arising out of the disturbances at Sirsa against 7 Punishments.

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in the previous year. Thirteen persons were sentenced to transportation for life. Of the 3,755 persons sentenced to undergo imprisonment, 3,395 were sentenced to imprisonment for six months and under and the remaining 360 (504) for longer periods. The number of persons fined was 34,050 (34,040). The total amount of fines imposed and realised was Rs. 4,38,511 and Rs. 3,32,177 respectively. The amount of compensation paid was Rs. 1,126 (Rs. 1978).

(vii) Civil Justice.

132. The number of Civil Courts in the State other than Village Courts was 44, the same as in the previous year.

133. The total number of both original and small cause suits instituted was 19,351 (23,280) excluding refiled and remanded suits. The number of original suits instituted in the District Courts was 203 (207). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts it was 500 (643), in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 11,940 (14,384). On the Small Cause side, the number instituted in the District Court, Civil Station, Bangalore was 389 (412). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, it was 3,413 (3,899) and in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 2,906 (3,735).

**Miscellaneous
Cases.**

134. The total number of miscellaneous cases filed was 5,252 (6,181) and the number disposed of was 4,996 (6,080).

**Appellate
Work.**

135. The number of regular appeals instituted was 2,386 (2,559) and the number disposed of was 1,511 (1,780). The number of appeals pending at the end of the year was 1,510 (1,377). There were 421 (438) miscellaneous appeals for disposal. Of these, 285 were disposed of leaving 136 (109) pending at the end of the year. The average duration was 126.7 days, against 115.8 days in the previous year.

High Court.

136. The number of first appeals filed during the year was 186 (239). Including 313 appeals pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 499 (438). The number disposed of was 141 (125). The number of second appeals filed was 528 (676) including ten re-filed. The total number of second appeals for disposal was 1,358 (1,258), of which 385 (428) were disposed of. The number